

**Agency Activity Inventory**  
**by Agency**  
**Appropriation Period: FY 2007-08**

**Agency:** R04 - Public Service Commission

**Functional Group:** Transportation & Regulatory

**1319 Utility Regulation**

The PSC regulates and monitors rates and charges, services, facilities, and practices of electric, gas, telecommunications, water, and wastewater investor owned utilities, hazardous waste carriers, and certain transportation companies, through judicial proceedings before the Commission. The PSC has jurisdiction over 4 electric utilities, 3 natural gas utilities, 2,004 telecommunications utilities, and 27 water/wastewater utilities. The functions of the PSC are outlined in Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 58 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

**FY 2007-08**

<b>Total</b>	<b>General Funds</b>	<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>Supp. Funds</b>	<b>CRF</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>FTEs</b>
\$3,357,867	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,357,867	28.00

**Expected Results:**

Hold hearings for applications to adjust rates and charges for all investor owned regulated utilities. Issue Orders to all privately owned natural gas utilities that are not covered by alternative regulation. Monitor allowed rates of return for electric companies. Examine fuel costs and plant operations during annual Commission reviews. Oversee rights and territorial issues of unassigned areas. Process applications for Certificates under the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act. Study and monitor electric restructuring. Grant certificates to new water utilities. Docket all matters that come before the Commission. Transcribe testimony in hearings. Issue certificates to carriers of hazardous waste for disposal. Issue certificates of public convenience and necessity to transportation carriers.

**Outcome Measures:**

Commission issued 897 Orders. A total of 499 new dockets were filed, an increase of 36% over the previous year and 5,674 matters were filed on DMS. Commission held 56 standard hearings, 17 expedited hearings, 5 workshop hearings, and 9 hearings by examiners and officers, for a total of 87 hearings. In addition, 5 public workshops were held. The Commissioners held 45 meetings. Past orders were archived. Commission attended national and regional utility conferences.

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**1321 Administration**

The Administration program directs the daily operation and administration of the agency, prepares and monitors the annual operating budget, oversees agency's fiscal matters, manages the local area network and website, provides desktop computer support, and manages human resources, and is responsible for the assessment of regulated utilities.

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\$1,171,441	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,171,441	10.00

**Expected Results:**

Maintain and expand public access to Commission records and proceedings by making available calendars, notices, agendas, orders, and publications, on line and on-site. Complete development of annual budget on time.

**Outcome Measures:**

DMS was updated to include non-docketed items, navigation improvements, and enhanced email options. Commission orders from 1983-1990 were electronically archived and are available for viewing on the DMS. Online Tariff System was successfully implemented. Regulations for all regulated industries were revised and filed with the Legislative Council. Revisions to Articles 5 -8 were passed by the General Assembly. Articles 1-4 are awaiting legislative action. Improvements were made to the Commission website. Annual revenue reported increased \$202,444,916. FY 06-07 budget submitted timely. New Advisory Committee meets regularly.

**AGENCY TOTALS**

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<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL OTHER FUNDS</b>
\$4,529,308	\$0	\$0	\$4,529,308
	<b>TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL FTEs</b>
	\$0	\$0	38.00